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SUBJECT : Interagency Memorandum on Asian Regionalism

1. Forwarded herewith is a new draft of subject paper which will be discussed at a meeting to be held on Wednesday, 11 June, at 1000 hours in Room 5G00 CIA Headquarters.

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2. Please call [REDACTED] with the names of your representatives who will be attending the meeting. Arrangements will be made for them to enter the building at the main entrance.

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that Communist insurgents (or local Chinese minorities) will be encouraged to more militant action. There is fear that North Vietnam will at least increase its support of the Thai insurgency and may go beyond this to other forms -- as yet undefined -- of aggressive activity.

11. Despite these immediate anxieties, it seems unlikely that the ASEAN response to the security issue will change very markedly. As an organization, ASEAN will continue to discuss proposals for a neutral zone on the one hand and security cooperation on the other. Over time, there may well be movement toward standardizing military equipment, organizing centralized officer training, exchanging intelligence, and organizing joint sea and land patrols. But this will not be rapid, nor will ASEAN take positions <sup>its members</sup> ~~they~~ believe could lead Hanoi to conclude that its non-Communist neighbors are uniting against it.

12. While looking toward greater security cooperation, the ASEAN countries will also maintain their long-standing interest in efforts to bring Hanoi into peaceful association with the other countries of Southeast Asia. Those ASEAN countries that have not yet established relations with Hanoi will probably do so. Whatever new regime emerges in the South will probably also experience no great difficulty in establishing relations with ASEAN members. Inclusion of the Indochina states, especially North Vietnam, in ASEAN itself will continue to be a desired goal

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